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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Permits the District Board to retain the Railway Cess Collections in the Shimoga District with effect from 1945-46.

READ—

Government Order No. L, 4321-3—L. B. 32-15-21, dated 10th January 1917, sanctioning the levy of a Railway Cess of three pies in the rupee in the Shimoga District.

2. Government Order No. L. 4763-75—L. 3 101-21-18, dated 22nd January 1927, directing among others, that the realisations from the Railway Cess should be paid for a period of 25 years, *i.e.*, up to 1952, towards the capital cost of the construction of the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway line.

3. Letter No. C. 72—45-46, dated 24th August 1945, from the President, District Board, Shimoga District, regarding the improvement of the finances of the Board.

ORDER No. L. 9928-33—L. B. 71-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH MARCH 1946.

The President and some members of the Shimoga District Board waited in deputation to the Dewan and the Minister for Revenue on 16th November 1945, in connection with the discussion of proposals for the improvement of the financial positions of the Board. They represented, among other things, that the Railway Cess collections in the Shimoga District which amount to Rs. 34,000 a year may be made over to the Board with effect from 1944-45.

2. It is seen from the correspondence that the Shimoga District Board have, in pursuance of the Government Orders read above, paid a sum of Rs. 9,65,266 being the Railway cess collections up to 1944-45, towards the capital cost of the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway line. According to the terms of the Government Order, dated 22nd January 1927, the realisations from the Railway cess in the district have to be paid towards the above Railway undertaking up to the year 1952.

3. It is now reported that the Board's finances are meagre and that they have many additional commitments to meet and are also anxious to provide more amenities to the rural population in the Malnad area. It is represented that, with a view to enable the Board to tide over the present financial crisis, they may be relieved from the obligation to make any further contribution towards the expenditure on the abovesaid Railway line.

4. On a careful consideration of the case, Government are pleased to direct that the Shimoga District Board may retain the proceeds of the Railway cess with effect from the year 1945-46.

5. As an additional step towards the improvement of the Board's finances, Government direct that the question of enhancing the levy of special cess of three pies in the rupee to six pies may also be taken up and necessary proposals submitted for the orders of Government very early.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

Sanctions the Distribution of the Town Improvement Grant for the year 1945-46.

READ—

The letters received from the Deputy Commissioners of Districts forwarding proposals in respect of the distribution of the Town Improvement Grant provided in the State Budget for the year 1945-46.

ORDER No. L. 10120-34—Ml. 69-45-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 30TH MARCH 1946.

Government are pleased to accord sanction to the distribution of the Town Improvement Grant out of the provision of Rs. 5 lakhs made in the State Budget for the year 1945-46, as shown in the statement appended.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*